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**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT  
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**TITLE: SEWING MACHINE FRAME AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING THE SAME**

which is described and claimed in the specification: a.        attached hereto; b.   X   filed 02/03/2006 as U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 10/566,908 and amended on 02/03/2006; c.   X   identified by the Assignee as reference number        and assigned ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER IIZU:019.

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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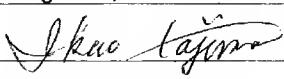
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